

2017-2018 Community Based Aid Grant

Truancy and Crossover Diversion, Prevention and Aftercare Services, and Alternatives to Detention

2016-2017 grant was for \$120,238 for salary and services, this year will ask for a little less as we decided not to hire a part time employee.

Application for the grant is due January 9, 2017

The Dodge County Juvenile Services Team created a Community Youth Coordinator position. Meggie Studt has held this position for the last year. This position will continue to work at diverting truant youth from entering the Juvenile Justice System, and will also work with Crossover youth and at-risk youth identified prior to Diversion within the community through the Prevention and Aftercare program.

- Served 38 youth age 12-18 last fiscal year - only 6 of those went on to Juvenile Court
- The grant provides payment for services, otherwise not available to these juveniles
- Utilizes evidenced based curriculum with the youth
- Due to our Truancy Diversion program, the school has not had many students reach the 20 day mark this year, so Truancy referrals from the school are significantly down

Priorities from the Comprehensive Juvenile Plan include:

Priority 1: Reduce truancy through prevention and community collaborative efforts.

Priority 2: Reduce the number of youth entering the juvenile justice system.

Priority 3: Promote positive youth development by increasing prevention and education services to youth and parents.

Priority 4: Reduce the detention of juveniles within Dodge County and explore other possible detention alternatives.